

National Daily Feeder and Stocker Cattle PM Summary

St. Joseph, Missouri

Friday, May 09, 2008

[National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary Current Report](#)**NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending 05/09/08**

Receipts: This Week: 339,300 Last Week: 251,900 Last Year: 307,600

Compared to last week, feeder cattle sold steady to 2.00 higher with the full advance placed on 8 weight steers, while calves traded mostly steady. Yearling feeders are always scarce as we enter the summer months but this year the tightness of supplies has been exacerbated by the limited offerings of wheat cattle and the near non-existence of those off graze-out wheat. Demand has spiked for the few true yearlings available as buyers try to scrape loads together. Discounts for odd singles that auctions usually start and end sales with have become very minimal as bidding is aggressive for anything that's long-time weaned and has some weight to it, including off-colored cattle and those that have not been processed (dehorned, castrated, vaccinated, etc). This has resulted in many large volume salebarns across the Plains reporting an increase in the number of Brahman X and Southeastern influenced cattle in their mix. Western orders have been slow for these types of cattle with skyrocketing fuel and freight fees, but the bulk of these cattle will end up in Southern Plains feedlots and the trucking will be paid either directly or indirectly. This is one reason that cattle people love their commodity, because few assets are more liquid, with auction markets available six days a week across much of the country. Other protein producers cannot claim this luxury. As tough as the cattle business can be amid high grain prices, hog and chicken production requires a much larger percentage feed investment per core unit which has very little value and is very hard to market until it becomes a finished product. A buyer or producer of lightweight stocker calves has many options and faces an almost daily decision of when to market, up until the feedlot gate is closed behind them. Cow receipts continue to run liberal across much of the nation as pastures continue to lose out to row crops and herds are further reduced or completely eliminated. Replacement female demand is only moderate as hay stockpiles are low and pasture values increase at the same rate as commodity feed and grain prices. Slaughter cow buyers routinely outbid replacement interests, even on middle-aged bred cows that have many more useful years. The cutter cow carcass cut-out was sharply higher for the second week in a row with a dressed price over 127.00, compared to Choice fed steer and heifer cut-outs around 155.00. Many slaughter cows brought 60.00 at auctions this week with high dressing bulls selling up 80.00 live-weight standing in the sale ring. Needless to say, beef demand may be struggling but it's the consumer's inability to afford expensive rib cuts that's to blame (not hamburgers). This week's reported auction volume included 48 percent over 600 lbs and 42 percent heifers.

http://www.cme.com/trading/dta/hist/daily_settle_prices.html?type=com

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CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE LIVESTOCK FUTURES SETTLEMENT

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle		
		Change			Change
Jun	94.52	0.87	May	107.35	0.57
Aug	100.20	0.90	Aug	109.92	0.45
Oct	107.05	1.30	Sep	111.55	0.65

<http://www.cbot.com/cbot/pub/page/0.3181.958.00.html>

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CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE GRAIN FUTURES SETTLEMENT

Corn			Soybeans		
		Change			Change
May	6.18 1/2	(1/4)	May	13.49 1/2	51 1/4
Jul	6.26 1/4	(1)	Jul	13.58	48
Sep	6.41	1 1/4	Aug	13.53 1/4	49 1/4

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_gr710.txt**KANSAS CITY BOARD OF TRADE****WHEAT FUTURES SETTLEMENT**

Wheat			Change		
May	8.81	(19)			
Jul	8.45 1/2	(22 1/2)			
Aug	8.54	(19 1/2)			

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5 AREA WKLY ACCUMULATED WTD AVG SLAUGHTER CATTLE PRICE

	Head Count	Avg Weight	Avg Price
Live Steer	2,914	1,331	92.37
Live Heifer	3,370	1,197	92.26
Dressed Steer	25,454	827	147.84
Dressed Heifer	13,657	761	147.72

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DAILY ESTIMATED BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUES

Choice	Select	Choice Cuts	105	Loads
600-900#	600-900#	Select Cuts	100	Loads
156.04	151.83	Trimming	16	Loads
0.86	(0.27)	Grinds	51	Loads

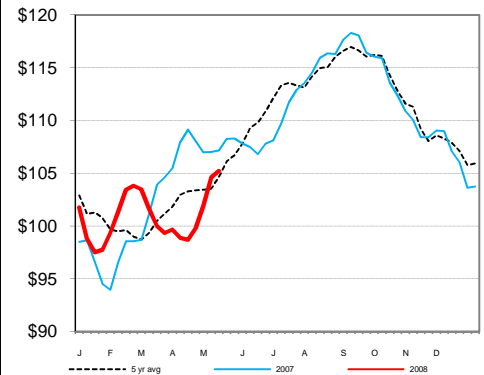
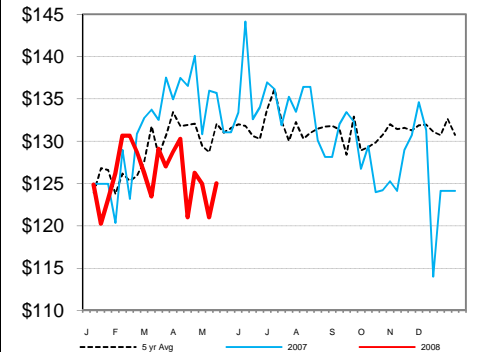
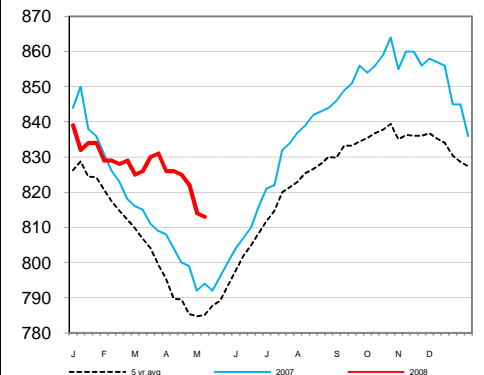
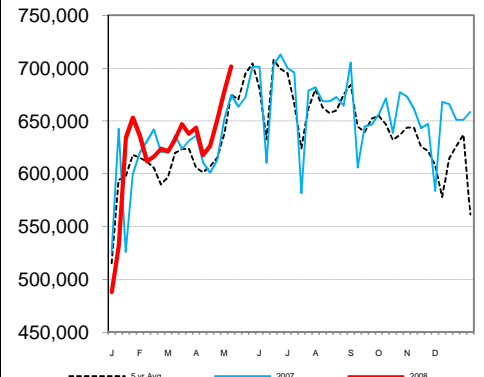
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_ls710.txt**ESTD DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER**

Fri-Sat (est)	126,000	62,000
Week Ago (est)	125,000	64,000
Year Ago (act)	125,000	62,000
Wk to date (est)	636,000	698,000
Last Week (est)	635,000	699,000
Last Year (act)	611,000	672,000
Previous Day Estimated:	Steer and Heifer	104,000
	Cow and Bull	24,000

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_ls142.txt**SLAUGHTER COW MARKET**

New Holland Sales Stables		
Thursday	Pct Lean	Price
Breaking	70-80	58.50-63.00
Boning	80-85	55.50-60.00
Lean	85-90	51.00-56.00

Thursday

USDA Livestock & Grain Market News**CME Feeder Cattle Index****Oklahoma City 400-500 lb Steer Price****Average Dressed Steer Weight****Weekly Cattle Slaughter****USDA Livestock & Grain Market News**

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